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FM AMEMBASSY MADRID

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1558

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SUBJ: OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCES FOR AMMUNITION AIRLIFT

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1. UNDER AGREEMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION (AFC),
US MILITARY AIRCRAFT OVERFLYING SPAIN OR MAKING TECHNICAL
STOPS AT MILITARY BASES NORMALLY REQUIRE NO DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE.
AFC PROVIDES FOR ROUTINE NOTIFICATION, INCLUDING FLIGHT PLAN
DETAILS, TO JOINT AIR CONTROL AND COORDINATION CENTER (JACCC).
PRIOR CONSULTATION AT DIPLOMATIC LEVEL REQUIRED WHEN THERE IS
"SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE" IN USE OF US FACILITIES AT SPANISH
BASES. MAC FLIGHTS NOW TRANSITING TORREJON AB AT RATE OF 150
TO 200 MONTHLY AND ROUTINE TECHNICAL LEVEL NOTIFICATION IS
USE USED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY.

2. ASSUMING INFORMATION IN REFTELS ABOUT FLIGHT FREQUENCY AND
TIMING STILL COMPLETE AND ACCURATE, EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE
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THAT AS MANY AS 12 TO 15 FLIGHTS STAGED AT 38-HOUR INTERVALS

WOULD CONSTITUTE "SIGNIFICANT INCREASES" REQUIRING CONSUL-
TATIONS. (FROM WORDING OF REF (A) EMBASSY ASSUMES ONLY PART
OF 12-15 FLIGHTS WOULD BE ROUTED THROUGH SPAIN IN ANY EVENT.)
ON ABOVE ASSUMPTION, EMBASSY WILL FOREGO DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE
AND USE ESTABLISHED NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE FOR PROPOSED AIR-
LIFE.
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